

**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed for the purpose of adding the cross reference to the parent of this application to the specification as required by the Rules.

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1 - 17 of this application are in condition for allowance. Entry of the foregoing Amendment, early consideration of this application and allowance of this application in response to this communication, therefore, are respectfully requested.

Applicants also believe that additional fees beyond those submitted herewith are not required in connection with the consideration of this response to the currently outstanding Official Action. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. **04-1105**, as necessary, for the correct payment of all fees which may be due in connection with the filing and consideration of this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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